

MAKING JESUS KNOWN - TOGETHER.

10:00am – September 3rd, 2023 Children's Ministry (birth – 6th grade) available

Welcome/Prayer Pastor Josh
Worship in Singing Worship Team
* 5th-6th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)

Bible TeachingPastor JoshWorship in SingingWorship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

LUNCH ON THE LAWN COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Invite friends to our final 2023 outdoor worship service next week on **9/10!** Subs & dessert, with GF/DF options. Bounce house & face painting for kids.

UPCOMING GROUPS FOR LADIES:

- Bible study Th 6:30pm in café (starts 9/7). Dshappy87@gmail.com
- Mending the Soul (for women healing from abuse) 2 new groups launch in Oct. Info & to enroll: Mendingthesoul518@gmail.com
- <u>Post-Abortion Support Group</u> (7-wk session) **Saturdays 9am** starting in October. Info & to enroll: Michelle.butler19@aol.com

FALL RETREATS @ CAMP OF THE WOODS (a few openings left!)

- Ladies: 9/15-17. Lodging, meals, activities included in \$270 rate.
- Men: 9/29 10/1. Lodging, meals, activities included in \$200 rate.
 5-6 openings left for men; 1-2 spots left for ladies. Sign up ASAP!

KIDS' PLAYDATES: Tues mornings 10-noon (outdoors – bring trikes)

Everyday Life at OAC

NEW GUESTS: Please visit the <u>Welcome Booth</u> in café after service to receive a gift! We also invite you to fill out the Connection Card (seat pocket in front of you) & drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: "Where am I now with Jesus? What would help me to move forward with Him?" Whatever your answer, we'd love to partner with you! (resources, connections, etc.) website: /reaching

BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

EVERYBODY SERVES: Let us help you serve the Lord as you serve others; 30+ ways to make a difference! website: /ministries

PRAYER: Join with others on Sundays 9-9:40am and/or the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

GIVING OPTIONS: 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors 2) Check by mail. 3) Use link on website / app. website: /egiving

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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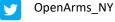
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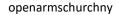


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Don't ever stop talking about the gospel

God at Work - Acts 14 (ESV)

¹ Now at Iconium they [*Paul & Barnabas*] entered together into the Jewish synagogue and **spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed**. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, **speaking boldly for the Lord**, who bore witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there **they continued to preach the gospel**.

8 Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. 11 And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations He allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet He did not leave himself without witness, for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. ²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.